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LOYOLA TO HOST PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WORLD CHAMPION TABLE TENNIS TEAM

It was announced by the Very Reverend Patrick G. Malone, S.J., President of Loyola College, that the College will have the honour of hosting the People's Republic of China World Champion Table Tennis Team and delegation. The team will compete against some of the outstanding players in the Province of Quebec as well as engage in inter-squad competition on Monday April 3rd, at 7:30 PM at the Sports Complex.

The Team Leader of the Chinese will be Chuang Tse-tung, three times winner of the Men's World Singles Championship. The men's team will be led by Cheng Huai-ying, World Mixed Doubles Champion while the Women are led by Lin Hsiu-ying, a triple World Champion (Women's Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles).

Other members of the Men's team include Li Fu-jung, three times runner-up in World Men's Singles, Liang Ko-liang, a member of the 31st World Championship Men's Team Event, Ho Tsu-pin, runner-up in Men's Singles in the Second National Table Tennis Championships, Chen Pao-ching, Hu Wei-hsin, and Chiu Yen-liang.

Other members of the Women's Team include Cheng Min-chih, World's Women's Double Champion, Cheng Huai-ying, Lin Hsiu-ying, Yang Chun and Shih Ping-lin.

This historical event came about as a result of Canada's participation in the April 1971 World Table Tennis Championships held in Tokyo. Following the Championships the Chinese invited the Canadian National Team to their country and the Canadian Team reciprocated with a general invitation to the Chinese Team. The Chinese have accepted and will now tour Canada as part of the overall Sports Exchange Program negotiated in January 1972 by Mr. John Hunnius, President of the Canadian Sports Federation.

Hunnus states: "It is hoped that this tour will help promote the return of the People's Republic of China to the Olympics at the '76 Montreal Games." He added that "the table tennis event will have tremendous spectator appeal because of the great speed and agility the players possess. I would like to commend Loyola for their leadership and assistance they have given in bringing about this important event."

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Ed Enos, Loyola's Director of Physical Education and Athletics, in commenting on the announcement stated: "The news that the People's Republic of China World Championship Team will perform on our Campus is being received enthusiastically by Montrealers. I know the competition will be conducted in the same spirit of internationalism and friendliness that was so apparent when the Canadian and American Teams toured Mainland China. The reception they will receive I hope will make a meaningful contribution toward their competing in the '76 Games in Montreal."

This will mark the fifth appearance by international teams in the Loyola Sports Complex. In 1968 Loyola hosted the Australian and last year the Yugoslavian National Basketball Teams. This year the basketball team met the British Olympic Basketball Team and in October two table tennis experts from the Republic of China exhibited their skills at Loyola.

Ticket prices for the event will be \$2.00 for adults and \$1.50 for students and children, with the net proceeds going to the Canadian Amateur Table Tennis Association. Seating will be on a first come basis and people are advised to arrive early to insure admission.

The CBC Network (French and English) will be on hand to televise the history-making event.

Following the matches the President of Loyola College, The Very Reverend Patrick G. Malone, S.J., will receive the visitors. The reception will be held at the Faculty Club of the University.

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